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BOOKMARK

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SpecBOOKMARKFIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a bookmark, especially the one that comprises a clip clamping more convenient and without damaging books.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

As indicated in the Fig. 1, bookmarks in common types having many parallel folding lines usually include a bookmark body 10 and an adhesive surface 14. The said bookmark body 10 of this type of bookmark includes a protective surface 11; a folding sheet 12 that could be inserted into books and a bending surface 13 that is consisted of several parallel folding lines 15. In practical usage, the adhesive surface 14 is to be stuck to the book and the folding sheet 12 is to be inserted into the page which needs to be marked down. However, if the viscosity of the adhesive surface 14 is too strong, it will inevitably damage the book papers to tear off the adhesive surface 14. Consequently, one bookmark could only be applied on one book and it's impossible to move to other books for reuse. On the other hand, if the viscosity of the adhesive surface is weak, it will gradually decrease and disappear after several usage. In a word, it may have a short-term life.

SUMMARY OF INVENTION

The purpose of this invention is to provide a flexible and convenient bookmark that is simple in structure, easy to be manufactured and used repeatedly.

In order to complete the above purposes, this invention adopts the following technology:

A bookmark that includes a bookmark body which characterized in that it also includes a clip, which is fixed on the bookmark body and is able to clamp the book cover or inner pages so as to prevent the bookmark body from dropping off. The said bookmark body is bendable and can be divided into three parts: a protection surface of fixing the said bookmark clip, bend surface and folding sheet insertable in the book content pages.

The clip could be made of plastic, metal sheet or other tenacity materials.

The clip could be fixed on the bookmark body in form of adhesive or perforating.

The bookmark body could be a plastic bag. The protective surface and the folding sheet are put in the two opposite sides respectively in the plastic bag. There is a gap between the protective surface and the folding sheet. The plastic bag in the gap is the bending surface.

The protective surface and folding sheet mentioned above could be hot melted and fixed in the plastic bag.

In all said embodiments above, the bookmark body and the clip could be made of sole materials. One lateral side of the bookmark body is floded to be accordion-like so as to form a clip.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig.1 is the schematic diagram of the current technology.

Fig.2A is the exterior view of the first embodiment of this invention.

Fig.2B is the side view of the first embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 2C is the perspective view of the using state of the first embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 2D is the exterior view of the second embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 2E is the side view of the second embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 3A is the exterior view of the third embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 3B is the side view of the third embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 3C is the using state of the third embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 3D is the exterior view of the fourth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 3E is the side view of the fourth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 4A is the exterior view of the fifth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 4B is the side view of the fifth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 5A is the exterior view of the sixth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 5B is the side view of the sixth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 6A is the exterior view of the seventh embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 6B is the side view of the seventh embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 7A is the exterior view of the eighth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 7B is the side view of the eighth embodiment of this invention.

Fig. 8A is the exterior view of the ninth embodiment of this invention.

Fig.8B is the exterior view of the ninth embodiment of this invention.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

The first embodiment of this invention as shown in Fig.2A and 2B includes a bookmark body 20 and a clip 24. The clip 24 is fixed on the bookmark body 20. The bendable bookmark body 20 is consisted of a protective surface 21, a folding sheet 22 that could be inserted into books and a folding surface 23. The folding surface 23 is made of tenacity material and its surface could be made into several parallel folding lines 25. As the Fig.2C shows, in use, the clip 24 clamps the inner page of book cover so as to mark out the emphasis of reading; in addition, the bookmark body is also insertable into the book inner pages from the upside or underside of the book. If readers need to mark out a number of reading emphases, several bookmarks of this type are easily applicable.

The clip is only required to be able to clamp the papers, and there is no special limitation on its structure.

The clip of bookmark could be made of metal , plastic cement or other tenacity materials.

The clip could be fixed on the bookmark body in form of adhesive or perforating.

The second embodiment of this invention as shown in the Fig.2D and 2E is another type of bookmark with a clip. This type of bookmark includes a bookmark body 20 and an attached clip 24. The bendable bookmark body 20 is consisted of a protective surface 21, a folding sheet that could insert into books and a folding surface 23. The folding surface 23 is made of tenacity materials and its surface could also be made into a groove 25a.

The third embodiment of this invention as shown in the Fig. 3A and 3B is a clip bookmark in hardboard type including a bookmark body 30 and a clip 34. The clip 34 is fixed on the bookmark body 30. As shown in the Fig. 3C, the schematic diagram of its using state, the clip 34 directly clamps the book's inner pages to be marked out. The usage methods and quantity of this type of bookmark are not restricted to what shown in the Fig. 3C, and users can adjust it according to their own preferences.

The fourth embodiment of this invention as shown in the Fig. 3D and 3E is a type of bookmark in form of hardboard. The bookmark body 30 and clip 34 are made of the sole materials. The clip 34 is formed from folding one lateral side of the bookmark body.

The fifth embodiment of this invention as shown in the Fig. 4A and 4B includes one bookmark body 40 and one clip 44. The bookmark body 40 is a plastic bag comprising a protective surface 41 and one folding sheet 42 are placed at the two sides. The folding sheet 42 can be inserted into the book inner pages. The protective surface 41 and the folding sheet 42 are made of paper and plastic sheet. Since the plastic bag is bendable, the plastic bag surface between the protective surface 41 and folding sheet 42 can be used as the bending surface 43 of the bookmark body 40. The clip 44 is fixed on the plastic bag surface at the upper side of the protective surface 40.

The sixth embodiment of this invention as shown in the Fig. 5A and 5B includes one bookmark body 50 and one clip 54. The bookmark body 50 is made of paper and plastic sheet etc., which are hot melted into plastic film. The plastic film between the protective surface 51 and the folding sheet 52 can be used as the bending surface 63 of the bookmark body 50. The surface can be made into several parallel folding lines or a groove. The

clip 54 is fixed on the protective surface of the bookmark body 50.

The seventh embodiment of this invention as shown in the Fig. 6A and 6B includes one bookmark body 60 and one clip 64. The bookmark body 60 is made of tenacity materials and consists of one protective surface 61, one folding sheet 62 insertable into the book inner pages and one bending surface 63. The exterior of the bending surface can be made into several parallel folding lines or a groove. The clip 64 is fixed on the protective surface.

The eighth embodiment of this invention is as shown in the Fig. 7A and 7B. The bookmark body 70 is made of the tenacity materials and includes one protective surface 71, one folding sheet 72 insertable in the book inner pages and one bending surface 73. The exterior of the bending surface 73 can be made into several parallel folding lines or a groove. The protective surface 71 is in accordion shape and can be function as clip.

The ninth embodiment of this invention is as shown in the Fig. 8A and 8B. The bookmark body 80 can be painted with decorative patterns or sheared into artistic forms, for being used as small book-card or name-card etc.

#### APPLICATION IN INDUSTRY

It is clear from the actual embodiments above that this newly invented bookmark has the following advantages:

1. The bookmark clip can clamp the inner pages or the cover page of the book without dropping off, when the user utilizes it to mark the core content in the book. It can be easily used without damaging the book pages.



2. The bookmark is removable from one book to another, so as to be applicable in several books.

3. The bookmark body can be painted with decorative patterns or sheared into artistic forms, for being used as little book-card or name-card etc.

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## Claims

1. A bookmark including a bookmark body is characterized in that it also contains a bookmark clip that is fixed on the bookmark body to clamp the book covers or content pages for the purpose of avoiding the bookmark dropping-off from the book; the said bookmark body is bendable and can be divided into three parts: a protection surface of fixing the said bookmark clip, bend surface and folding sheet insertable in the book content pages.
2. The bookmark according to claim 1, which characterized in that the said bookmark clip can be made of plastic, metal and other tenacity materials.
3. The bookmark according to claim 1, which characterized in that the said bookmark clip is fixed on the bookmark body in form of paste.
4. The bookmark according to claim 1, which characterized in that the said bookmark clip is fixed on the bookmark body in perforating form.
5. The bookmark according to claim 1, which characterized in that the said bookmark body and bookmark clip were formed entirely using sole materials, and the said bookmark clip is created by folding one side of the bookmark body.
6. The bookmark according to claim 1, which characterized in that a number of parallel folding lines or one groove are set on the said bending surface.
7. The bookmark according to claim 7, which characterized in that the said bookmark body is covered by a plastic bag which containing the said protective surface and the said folding

sheet in the two sides respectively; there is a gap between the said protective surface and the folding sheet, and the plastic bag in the said gap is bendable.

8. The bookmark according to claim 7, which characterized in that the said protective surface and the folding sheet are fixed inside of the plastic bag by hot melting.

9. The bookmark according to claim 7, which characterized in that a number of parallel folding lines or one groove are set on the bending surface.

10. The bookmark according to claim 7, which characterized in that the said bookmark clip is formed by folding the described protective surface in accordion shape.

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## Abstract

This invention relates to a bookmark that consists of a body, a clip holding on a cover or an insert of a book to prevent the body from falling off, the clip is fixed to the body, the said bookmark body is bendable and can be divided into three parts: a protection surface of fixing the said bookmark clip, bend surface and folding sheet insertable in the book content pages. The bookmark has simple construction, can be easily produced, conveniently and repeatedly used with various books, without damaging these books.

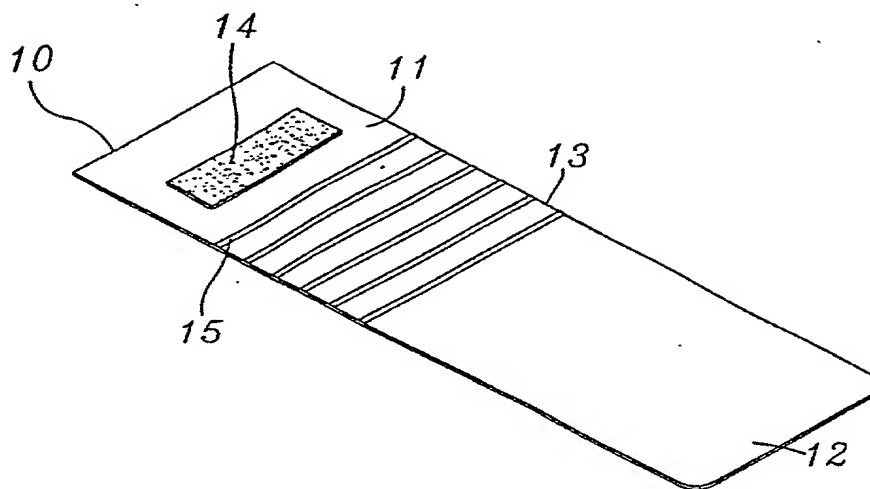


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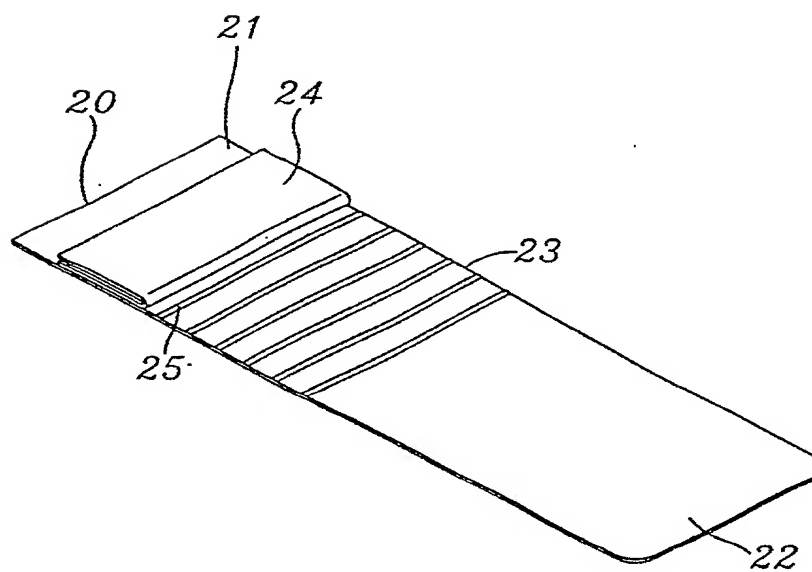


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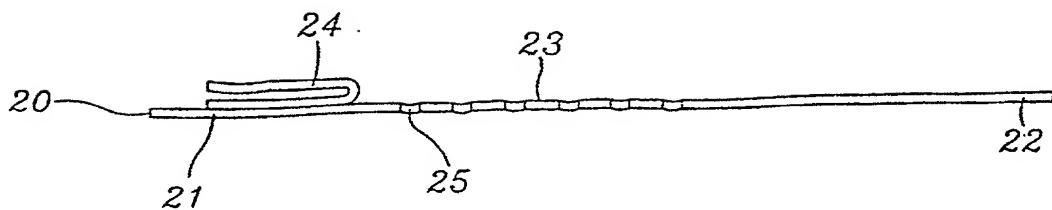


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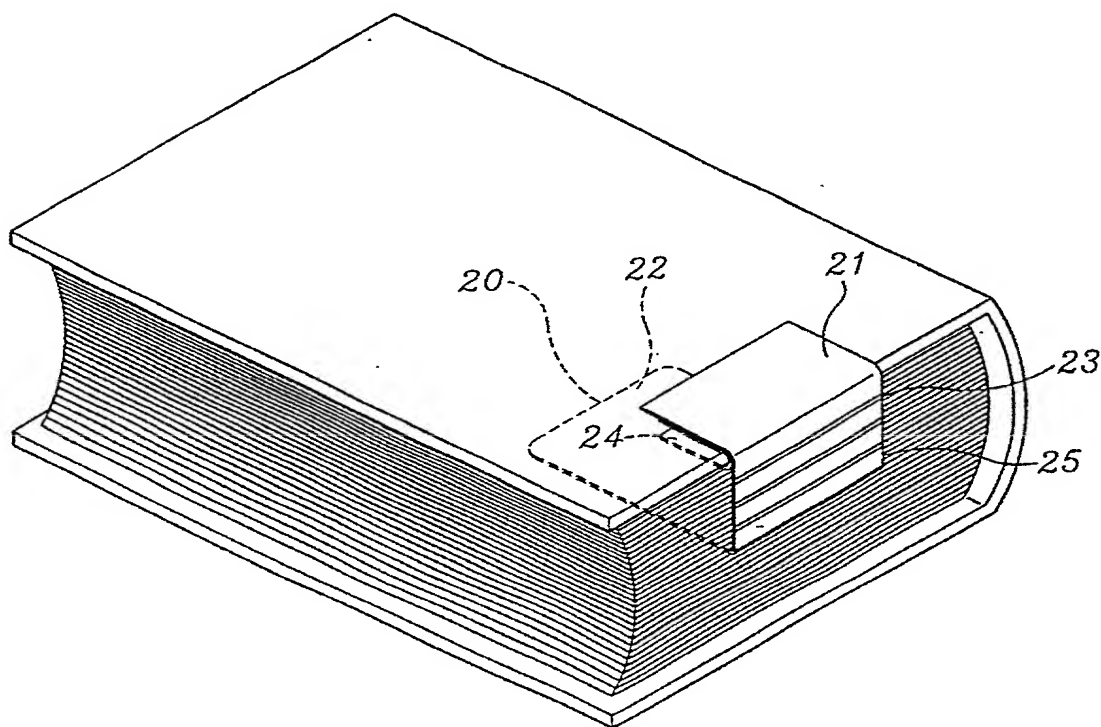


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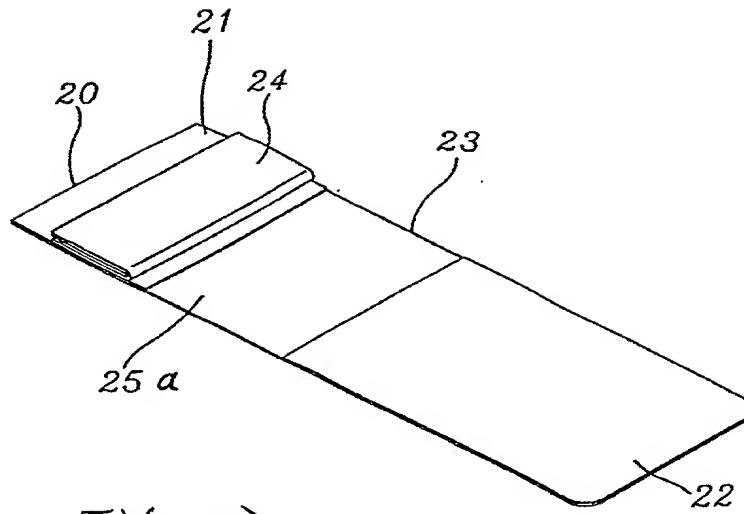


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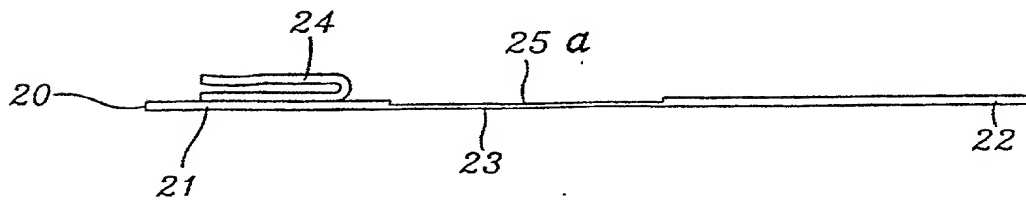


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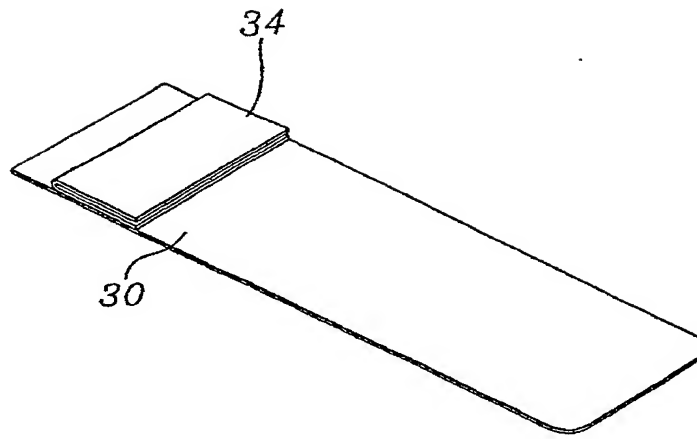


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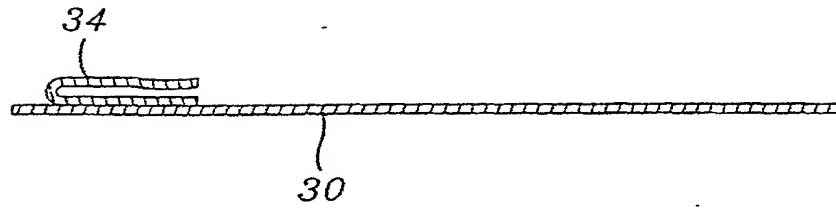


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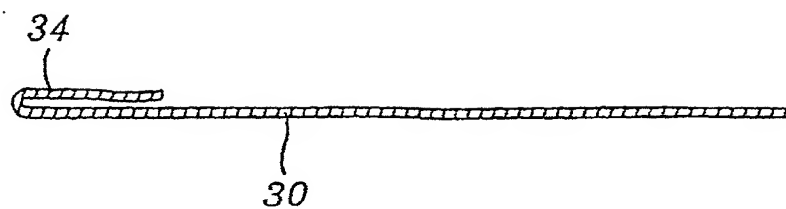


FIG. 3E

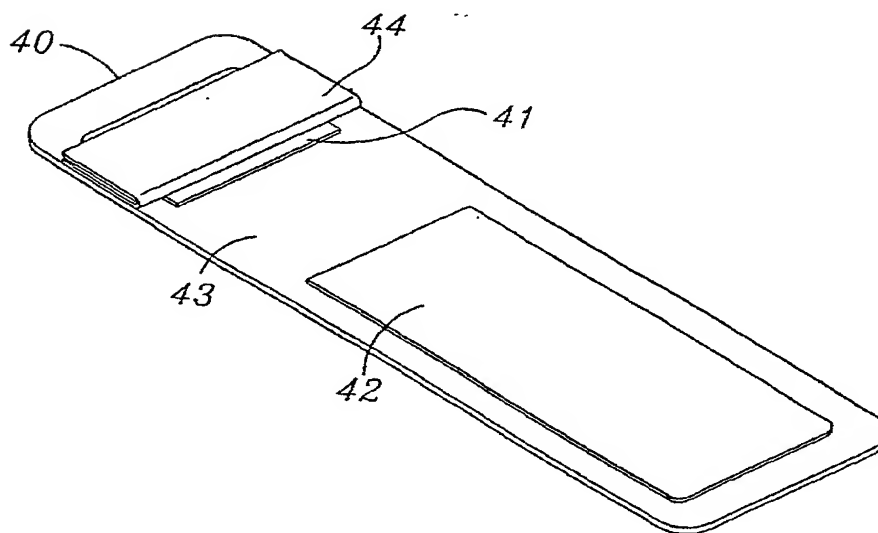


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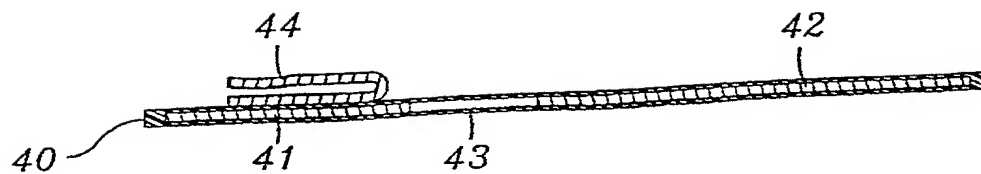


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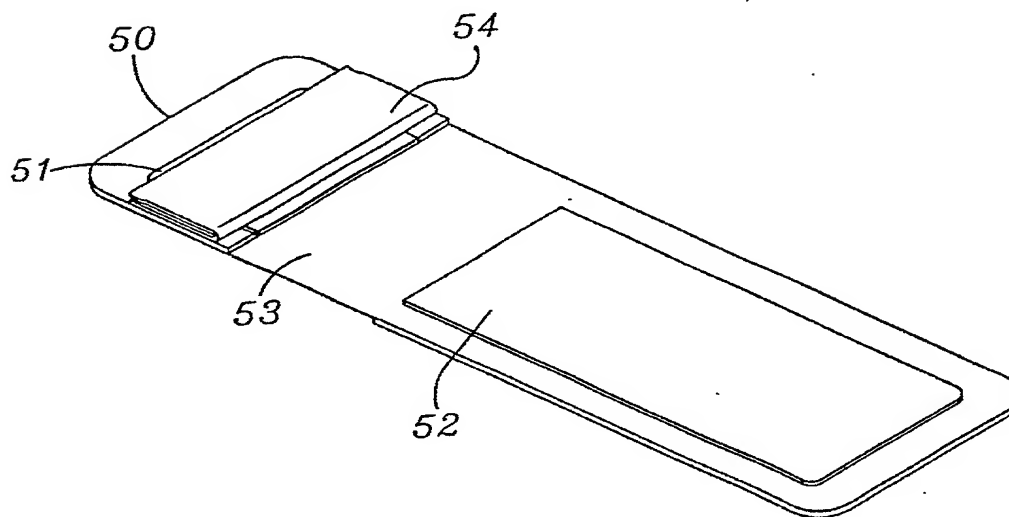


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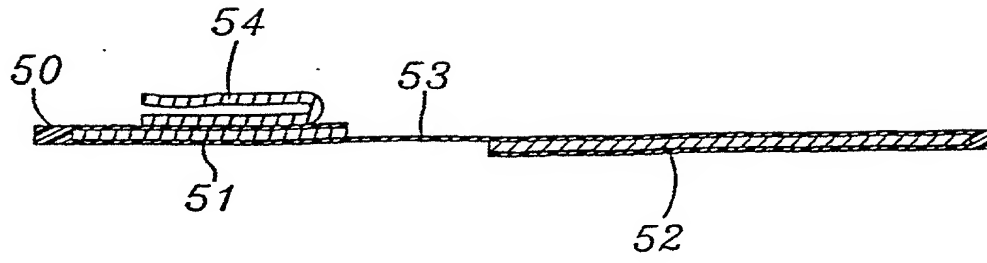


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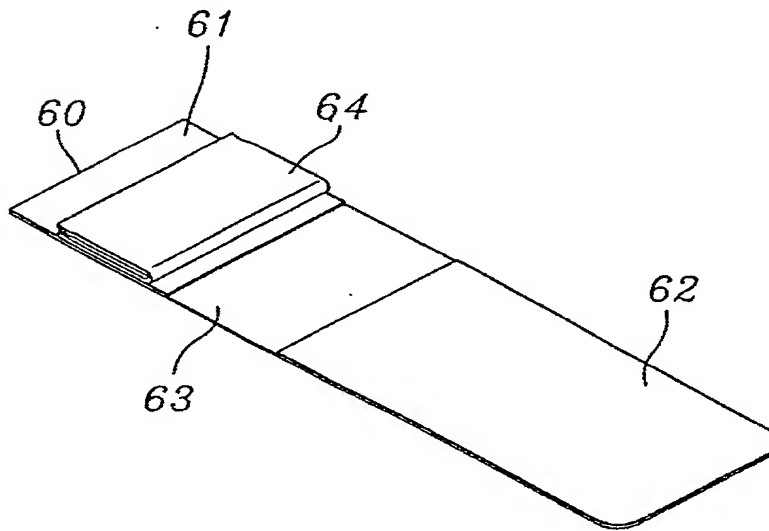


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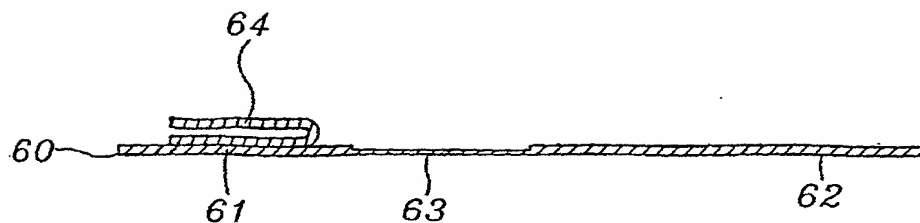


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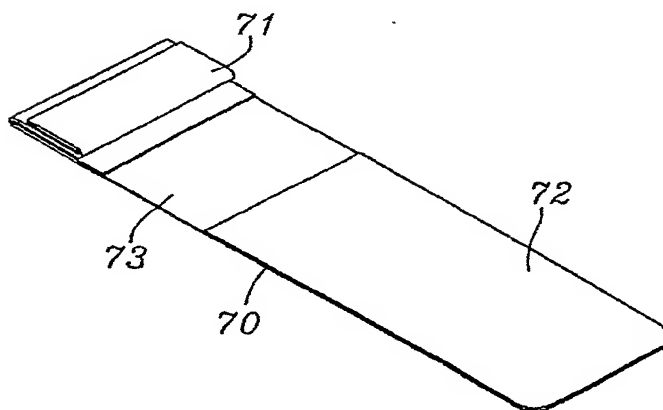


FIG. 7A

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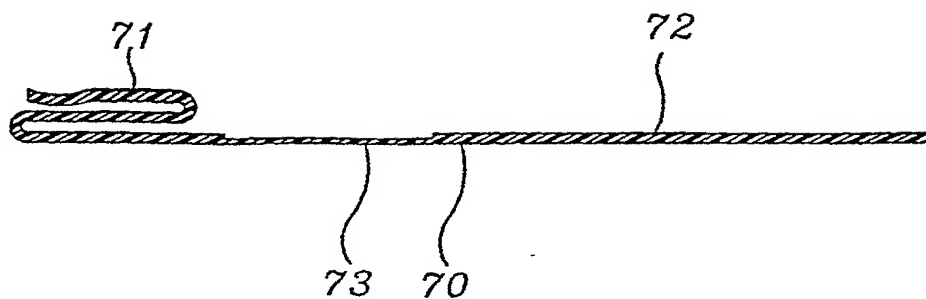


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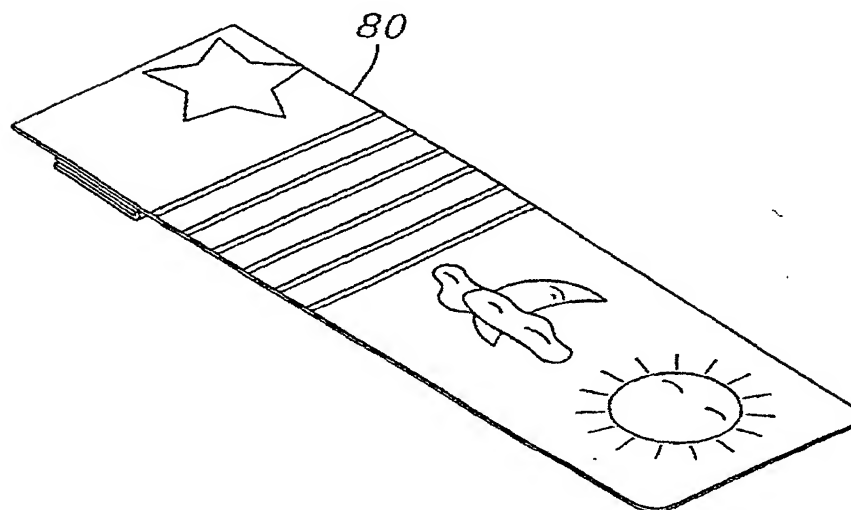


FIG. 8A

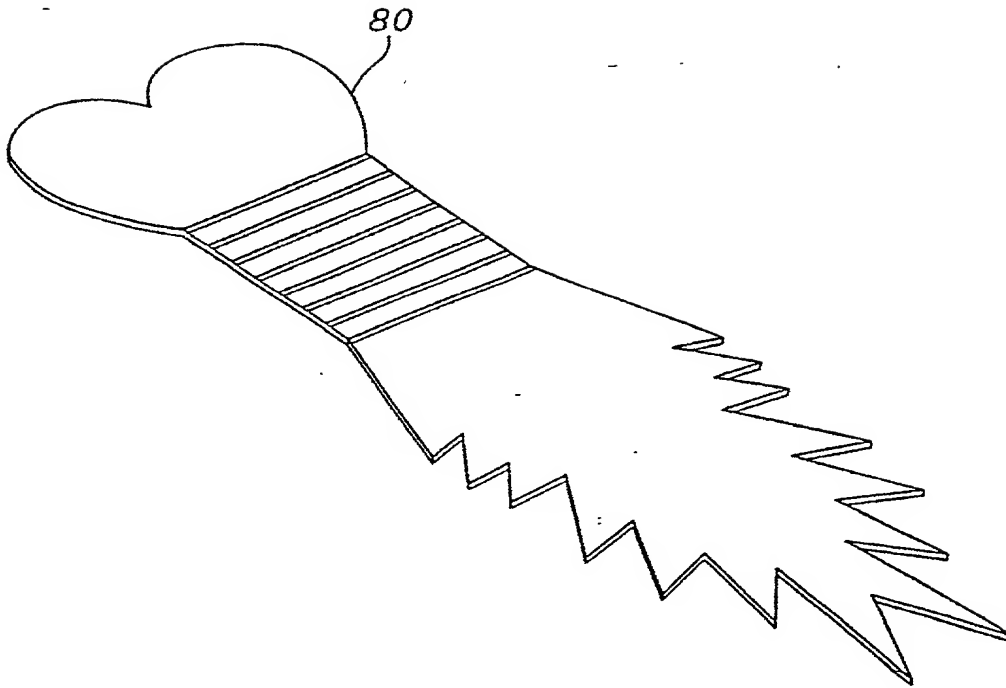


FIG. 8B

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A BOOKMARK

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